



St. Mary's CofE Primary
'Learning for Life'

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newsletter

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Our Vision Statement **'Learning for Life'**

Learning for life' with Jesus' promise of 'life in all its fullness' is at the heart of St Mary's. At our school children are seen as unique and will feel loved, safe and empowered to flourish so they reach their full potential both academically and personally.

Kindness Trust Courage

Dear St Mary's Families,

It has been a fantastic end to the half term today. It was a truly heart-warming Harvest service at the church today led by Year 3. The children did so well and the church was filled with parents and carers, a truly lovely morning for all. Thank you to the Year 3 children and staff for all of their hard work.

Introducing our new Junior Leadership Team! Congratulations to Violet, Sammy, Jack, Ginevra, Bea, Freya, Blake and Katerina on being successful at their interview today! They had some great ideas on how we can make our school even better and I am very excited to launch our new leadership team after half term.

Our new Guinea pigs. This week all classes have been voting on their favourite names for the newest members of our St Mary's Family.

The winning names are: Monty and Mylo chosen by Chimps class! Monty and Mylo will be moving to school after half term!

Have a lovely half term.

Mrs Chambers



HSLW

In this week's [HSLW weekly bulletin](#), you will find information on the following:

- SEND support group for parents and carers
- Family Lives YouTube channel
- October half term ideas

There is also a fun family activity to try at home and a recipe idea.

500 Words Competition

Do you love to read stories? Do you love to write stories? Are you up to the challenge of writing an award-winning story that is read by celebrities on TV?

Each year, there is an exciting competition run by the BBC. It encourages children (age 5-11) to write a short, 500-word story which demonstrates their fantastic imaginations, with the possibility of lots of prizes.

All the information you need about the competition and how to enter is on this link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/about-500-words/zctk7v4>.



The deadline for this is Friday 10th November.

We would love to hear if you have decided to apply and read your entry! What a fabulous half term activity! Get writing now!

Miss Simmons

PTA

We wanted to say a very big thank you to one of our dads, who has two lovely girls in our school who has very kindly donated £5,000. This means we will be able to achieve 2 of our projects this school year which is amazing. A set of chrome books and charging trolley will be being ordered in the coming weeks and will be a fabulous addition to the children's learning. Our fundraising aim going forward can now be the new reading pods.

Coming up after half term:

3rd November: Mufti day for the whole school, we are kindly asking for donations towards the coloured hampers.

Each year has been assigned a colour, please see below. On the 3rd November please bring in something that matches your designated colour, it could be anything from bubble bath, stationary, chocolate/sweets, socks. Let your imagination go crazy. This is to allow us to create some fantastic coloured hampers for prizes at our upcoming Christmas Fayre. The nursery additional mufti day is on Monday 30th October.

Class colours will be:

Nursery Purple	Year 3 Yellow
Reception Pink	Year 4 Green
Year 1 Red	Year 5 Blue
Year 2 Orange	Year 6 Black/White

Have a lovely half term
PTA and Friends



As in previous years, we will be supporting the Samaritan's Purse with their Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to show God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. For more information, please follow the links below. Operation Christmas Child:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E5VVDymhGr4&feature=emb_title

How to pack a shoe box and more information:

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child>

If you would like to take part, we would love for your shoe boxes to be brought in to your child's classroom on the week beginning **13th November**.

Thank you for your generosity,

Year 4 Team

What to include...

Toys



A football and pump, cuddly toys, dolls, toy cars, small musical instruments, yo-yos, skipping ropes, balls, small puzzles etc.

School Supplies



Pens, pencils & sharpeners, crayons or felt pens, stamps & ink pad sets, writing pads or notebooks, solar calculators, colouring & picture books etc.

Hygiene Items



Toothbrush, bars of wrapped soap, comb or hairbrush, flannel.

Due to more stringent import regulations, toothpaste can no longer be included in shoeboxes.

Other Items



Hat, gloves, scarf, sunglasses, cap, socks, T-shirt, flip-flops, hair accessories, jewellery set, watch, wind-up torch etc

PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE: Toothpaste, sweets, lotions and liquids; used or damaged items; war-related items; seeds, gum, chocolate or food items; religious or political literature; medicines, aerosol cans, sharp or fragile items. Items packed from this list will be removed from shoeboxes.



Star of the Week



Moles

Alana "for always being helpful."

Fletcher "for always being kind."

Hedgehogs

Violet "for being such a kind and caring friend."

Rabbits

Lily "for showing courage and enthusiasm towards her learning!"

Cheetahs

Rosie "for persevering and working so hard to edit and improve her writing!"

Panthers

Rachel "for working really hard and challenging herself in Maths this week."

Lions

Lucas "for being so calm and focused in class – leading to some brilliant work!"

Tigers

Zoe O "for a fabulous retell of Little Red Riding Hood and using some lovely vocabulary!"

Polar Bears

Kyler "for learning and saying his lines for the Harvest service confidently and clearly."

Pandas

Riley-George "for singing and speaking so clearly and confidently in our Harvest Service."

Hippos

Edie "for always showing initiative and being ready to learn in every lesson!"

Elephants

Carlos "for showing great perseverance in Maths. Well done Carlos!"

Kangaroos

Mason "for confidently sharing his understanding and reasoning in Maths to support others."

Giraffes

Elsie "for the amazing effort you put into your non-chronological report."

Lemurs

Freya "for always being focused on and enthusiastic towards her learning, and contributing to class discussions."

Chimps

Bea "for constantly showing kindness to others, a fantastic role model to everyone!"

This week's Times Table Rockstar Superstars

Year 2: Grace - Tigers

Peyton - Lions

Cai - Lions

Year 3 & 4: Aliyan - Elephants

Olivia H - Elephants

Shreya - Polar Bears

Year 5 & 6: Chloe - Kangaroos

Nicolas - Kangaroos

Freya - Lemurs

Dates for your Diary

(New dates/events shown in bold)

w/c 23.10.23	Half Term
30.10.2023	PTA & Friends Mufti Day – hamper donations (Nursery only)
30.10.2023	Macbeth Workshop – Yr 6
31.10.2023	Pantomime Performance
02.11.2023	Freshwater Theatre – Yr R
02.11.2023	Butser Farm Trip – Yr 3
02.11.2023	Firework Display – PTA
03.11.2023	PTA & Friends Mufti Day – hamper donations
03.11.2023	Freshwater Theatre – Yr R
08.11.2023	Elephants Class Assembly 9am
13.11.2023	Shoebox A
15.11.2023	Watts Gallery Trip – Yr 4
16.11.2023	Byfleet Christmas Lights – Switch on
17.11.2023	Children in Need
w/c 20.11.2023	Life Bus
22.11.2023	Polar Bears Class Assembly 9am (Pandas now 15.5.24)
23.11.2023	Lightbox Trip – Yr 2
24.11.2023	Open Classrooms 3pm – 3.30pm
29.11.2023	Giraffes Class Assembly 9am
02.12.2023	Christmas Fair - PTA
05.12.2023	KS2 Carol Service – St Mary's Church
06.12.2023	Nursery Nativities
08.12.2023	Reception Nativity – 9.30am
12.12.2023	KS1 Nativity – 9.15am
13.12.2023	KS1 Nativity – 2pm
14.12.2023	Christmas Service in Church - 9.15am Yr 5 parents invited
15.12.2023	End of term – 1.05pm finish
02.01.2024	INSET DAY
03.01.2024	Start of Spring Term
08.01.2024	Great Fire of London Workshop – Yr 2
10.01.2024	Buddhism Workshop – Yr 6
16.01.2024	Chertsey Museum Workshop – Yr 3
30.01.2024	Young Voices – Choir trip to O2
27.03.2024	Easter Service in Church – 9.15am Yr 4 parents invited